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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) A Bill to Redesignate the Crowne Plaza in Kingston, Jamaica, as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza (S. 1413).



This bill designates the Federal building in Kingston, Jamaica (formerly known as the Crowne Plaza and now a staff housing facility for the U.S. mission in Jamaica) as the "Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza." The bill does not affect direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or revenue.

2) Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds For an Event to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Million Man March (H.Con.Res. 161).



This resolution has no budget implications.

3) A Bill to Authorize the Secretary of Transportation to Make Emergency Airport Improvement Project Grants-in-Aid Under Title 49, United States Code, for Repairs and Costs Related to Damage From Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (S. 1786).



This bill authorizes the Transportation Secretary to make grants-in-aid for new purposes, but only out of certain available and unobligated funds. Therefore, the bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

4) Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month (H.Res. 15). This resolution has no budget implications.



5) Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (H.Res. 276). This resolution has no budget implications.



6) Recognizing the Contributions of African-American Basketball Teams and Players for Their Achievements, Dedication, and Contributions to the Sport of Basketball and to the Nation (H.Con.Res. 59).



This resolution has no budget implications.

7) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office" (H.R. 3439).

This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

8) Hurricane Katrina Emergency Housing Act of 2005 (H.R. 3894). This bill directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]



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to waive specified requirements under the section 8 (United States Housing Act of 1937) housing voucher and project-based assistance programs for individuals or families who meet certain criteria. The bill also directs various Federal agencies to compile inventories of Federal civilian and defense facilities and other properties that can be used for emergency housing or as construction sites for temporary housing. Although the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] has not provided an official cost estimate for this bill, it is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

9) *Rural Housing Hurricane Relief Act of 2005* (H.R. 3895). This bill authorizes the HUD Secretary – within 6 months after



a presidentially declared disaster, and with respect to certain counties and their residents – to: 1) convert rental assistance into housing voucher assistance or rural housing vouchers; 2) reprogram funds; and 3) waive rural area requirements. The bill also liberalizes other housing program rules. Although CBO has not provided an official cost estimate for this bill, it is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

10) Hurricane Katrina Emergency Relief CDBG Flexibility Act of 2005 (H.R. 3896). This bill directs the HUD Secretary to: 1) suspend the community development block grant public services cap for fiscal years 2005 through 2008 for communities directly or indirectly affected by Hurricane Katrina; 2) consider the specific economic circumstances of each indirectly affected community in determining the length of such suspension; and 3) waive or find alternative public hearing requirements in fiscal year 2006 for a directly affected community. Although CBO has not provided an official cost estimate for this bill, it is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

11) Honoring the Life and Work of Simon Wiesenthal and Reaffirming the Commitment of Congress to the Fight Against Anti-Semitism and Intolerance In All Forms, In All Forums, and In All Nations (H.Con.Res. 248).



This resolution has no budget implications.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2006 (H.R. 2360).



Committee: Appropriations

Summary: The conference report provides \$30.846 billion in discretionary budget authority [BA] for

operations and activities of the Department of Homeland Security [DHS] in fiscal year 2006. Programs funded by the conference report include Border and Transportation Security, Immigration and Custom Enforcement, the Coast Guard, Emergency

Preparedness and Response, the Secret Service, Information Analysis and Infrastructure

Protection, and others.

Cost: As noted, the conference report provides \$30.846 billion in new BA and \$33.184 billion in

outlays for 2006.

Budget Act: The conference report is consistent with the applicable levels in the fiscal year 2006

budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 95). Therefore, it complies with provisions of the

Congressional Budget Act. It also complies with provisions of the budget resolution, such

as those governing advance appropriations and emergency designations.

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Bill: Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005 (H.R. 3893).

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Committee: Energy and Commerce

Summary: This bill sets forth a statutory framework in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to: 1)

increase refinery capacity for gasoline, heating oil, diesel fuel, and jet fuel; 2) reduce environmental and other regulations, under the Clean Air Act, affecting refineries; and 3) coordinate permitting requirements and other regulations affecting refineries at the Federal, state, and local levels. The bill also provides for discounted sales of royalty-in-kind [RIK] oil to small refineries; directs the Federal Trade Commission to investigate allegations of gasoline price-gouging; and authorizes the Secretary of Energy to draw down and sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to fill it to

its maximum authorized level.

Cost: The committee-reported version of H.R. 3893 authorizes the discounted sales of RIK oil

without further appropriation. Although CBO has not provided an official cost estimate, preliminary discussions indicate this provision increases direct spending by as much as \$300 million in fiscal year 2006, and \$1.5 billion over the 2006-10 period. It is expected, however, that a manager's amendment to be considered on the floor will convert the discounts into rebates, and then subject the rebate payments to annual appropriations. If the manager's amendment is adopted, the bill (as amended) no longer will affect direct

spending. H.R. 3893 does not affect revenue.

Budget Act: The Committee on Energy and Commerce already has exceeded its allocation of direct

spending pursuant to the fiscal year 2006 budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 95) and section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act. Thus, the reported version of the bill further violates

section 302(a) of the Budget Act. Once amended by the proposed manager's amendment, however, the bill will not violate any provisions of the Budget Act.

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